

1. (Amended) A prosthetic acetabular component for a prosthetic total hip joint, said component comprising two constructs, one being a metal base construct that engages the bone and the other being a polyethylene bearing construct that attaches to the metal base construct and articulates with a prosthetic femoral stem component on the opposing side of the joint, where said metal base construct is composed of two different metals, a first metal which engages the bone surface and a second metal which engages the polyethylene bearing construct, with the first metal having a different primary constituent than the second metal, the first metal being selected so as to provide a superior bone-engaging face, and the second metal being selected so as to provide a superior polyethylene-engaging face.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicant proposes to amend Fig. 2 to replace the reference numeral "87" with -- 90 -- and to replace reference numeral "90" with -- 87 -- as illustrated in red ink on the proposed drawing correction submitted herewith. No new matter is being introduced into the application by this amendment.

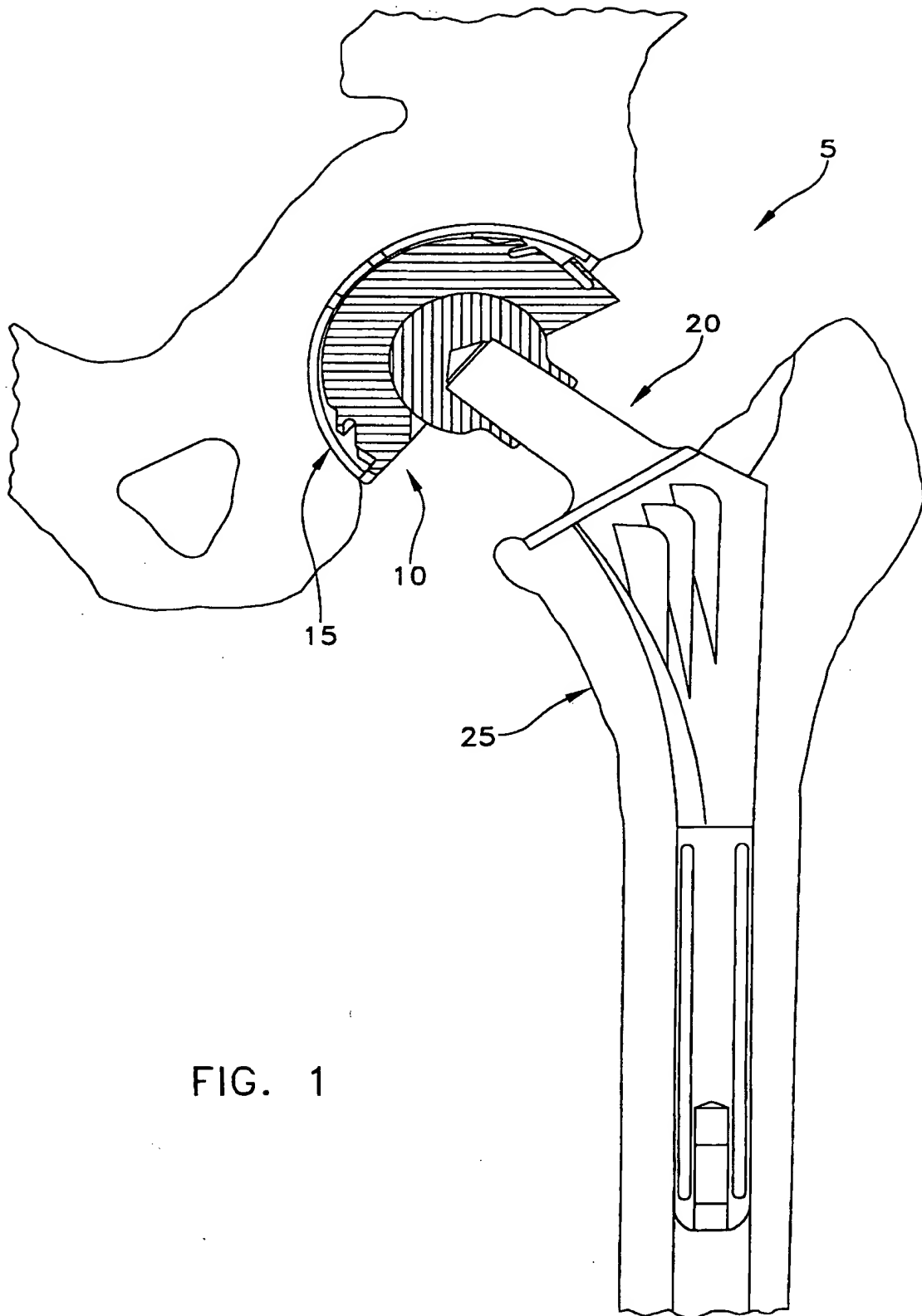


FIG. 1

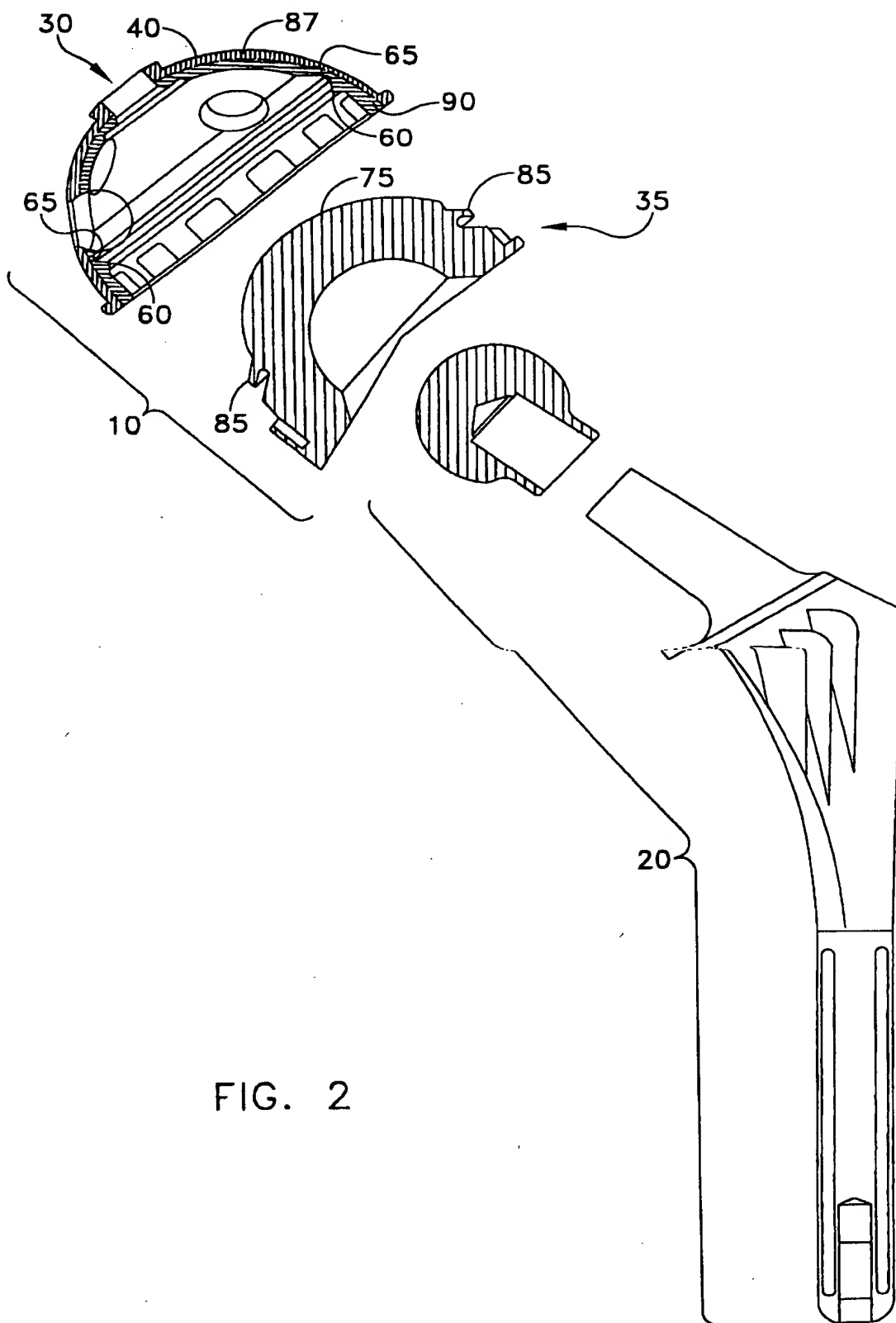


FIG. 2

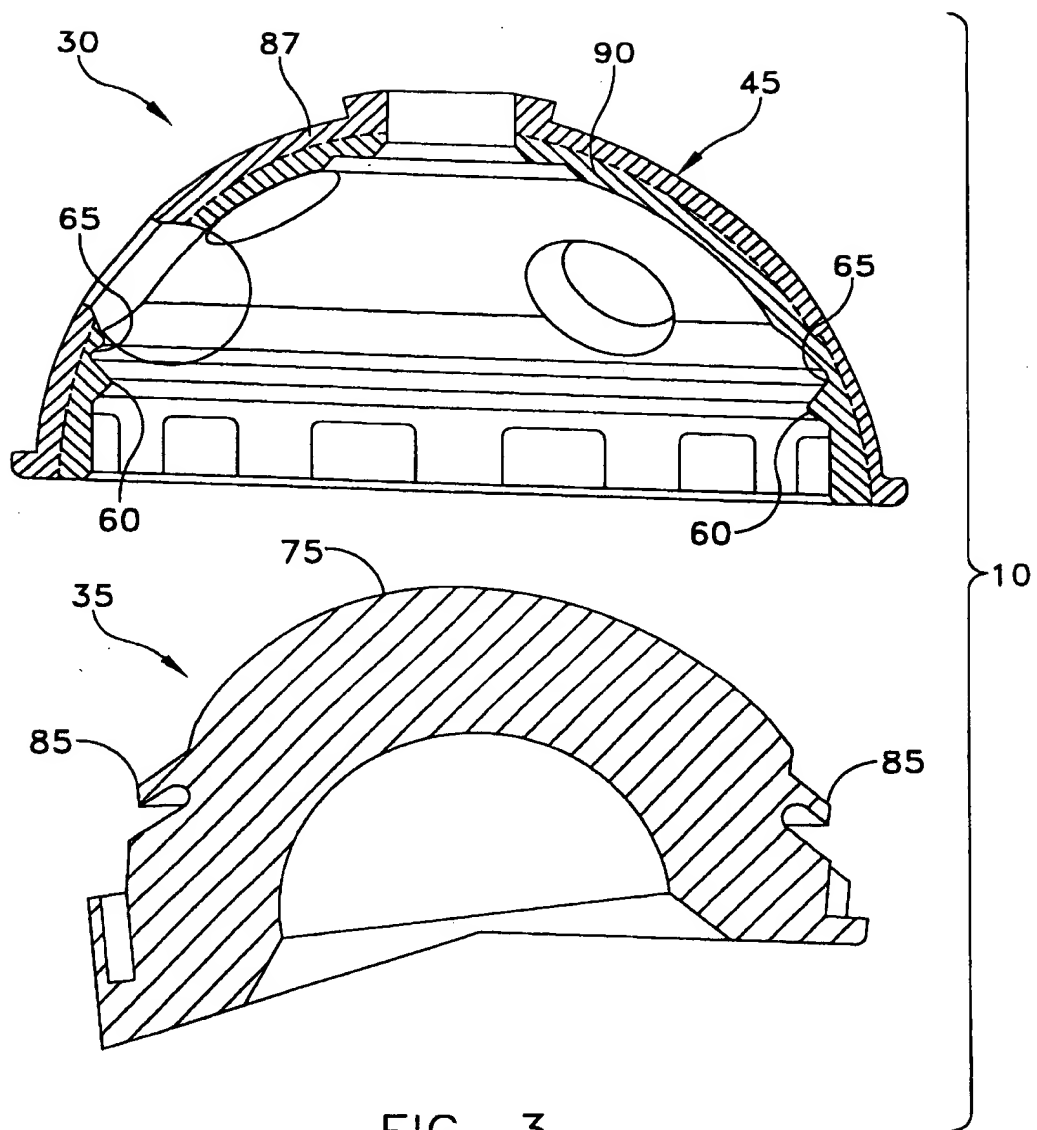


FIG. 3